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1. Claims 1-2 and 4-31 are still pending for examination, and claim 3 was canceled.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. §102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351 (a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21 (2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-2 and 4-31 are still rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Van Dordick et al.[U.S. Patent No. 2004/0230459]. This reference has been used in the last two office action.

4. Dordick et al. anticipates (e.g., see Figs. 1-3B) the invention substantially as claimed. Taking claim 1 as an exemplary claim, the reference anticipates a method for embedding an agreement (110) between a device provider (104) and a device user (106) in a device (e.g., last line of paragraph 42, a system), the method comprising:

a) storing the agreement as computer readable code in the device (e.g., see the agreement 110 of 1 in the e-business environment (see paragraph 34) with the electronic payment option (see paragraph 35), moreover this feature is known in the art as admitted by the applicant; see page 4, line 27 of applicants' specification);

b) monitoring (308-312 of Fig. 3A) at least one performance parameter (e.g., insurance risk metric); and

b) determining if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the parameter (e.g., see 314 of Fig. 3B).

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5. As to claim 2, Dordick et al. further anticipates if the event occurred indicating that the event occurred at the device (e.g., see 314 of Fig. 3B).

6. As to claim 4, Dordick et al. further anticipates enforcing the agreement at the device (e.g., translating policies into actions, see first 5 lines of paragraph 42, or their ability to satisfy various kinds of service level agreement, see paragraph 34).

7. As to claim 5, Dordick et al. further anticipates enforcing the agreement includes disabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred (e.g., in the event that the service fails to meet recited quality standard, see paragraph 20).

8. As to claim 6, Dordick et al. further anticipates enforcing the agreement includes enabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred (e.g., see 316 of Fig. 3B).

9. As to claim 7, Dordick et al. further anticipates representing the agreement as a Boolean expression (e.g., the use of logical operation to implement the operations, steps or modules which is a matter of choice, see paragraphs 32 and 33) of at least one condition, the condition based on the parameter.

10. As to claim 8, Dordick et al. further anticipates the event is a violation of the agreement (e.g., in the event that the service fails to meet recited quality standard, see paragraph 20).

11. As to claim 9, Dordick et al. further anticipates indicating violation of the agreement on the device (e.g., in the event that the service fails to meet recited quality standard, see paragraph 20).

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12. As to claim 10, Dordick et al. further anticipates informing the device provider of the event occurrence (e.g., compensate insurance purchaser for loss, see 316 of Fig. 3B).

13. As to claim 11, Dordick et al. further anticipates restricting access to parameter data (e.g., see paragraph 39).

14. As to claim 12, Dordick et al. further anticipates receiving the parameter data by manual entry (e.g., see paragraph 36).

15. As to claim 13, Dordick et al. further anticipates transmitting the parameter data to the device provider (e.g., see paragraph 36).

16. Claims 14-31 are rejected for the same rationale as claims 1-2, 4-13, since they recite substantially identical subject matter. Any differences between the claims do not result in patentably distinct claims and all of the limitations are taught by the above cited references.

17. Applicant's arguments, the applicant's remark, filed 7/7/09, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-2, and 4-31 under Dordick et al. have been fully considered, but the rejection is respectfully maintained with some modification to clarify the citation portion of the reference as indicated above.

Throughout the argument, applicant kept citing the portion of the reference that the Examiner referred to and stated that the citation did not teach the claimed language. Given the broadest interpretation of the claimed language and the applicant's responsibility to understand the whole the reference, not just the portion of the citation

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by the examiner, Examiner still believes that the claimed language is not patentable over the Dordick as clearly clarified in the above rejection.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The references are cited in the Form PTO-892 for the applicant's review.

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